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The Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Webster:

Enclosed is our report to the Chairman and Ranking
Minority Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee,
entitled ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY:
Improvements Needed to Protect Compartmented Information
(code 464126).

This report contains a recommendation to the Department of
State that it correct the deficiencies identified in the
1987 joint CIA/NSA/State survey of the Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency's security procedures. In a March 9,
1987, letter, the Acting Director of Central Intelligence
requested that the Senior Intelligence Officer (SIO) of the
Department of State report to him on the status of the
survey recommendations by September 1987. As of July 1988,
the State SIO had not replied to this request.

We call your attention to the notice stamped on the cover
of the report regarding limitations on its use and the need
for safeguards to prevent its unauthorized disclosure.

We are also sending copies of this report to the Director,
Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; the Secretary of
State; the Director, Office of Management and Budget; and
interested congressional committees.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Conahan

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Assistant Comptroller General

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